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Email to all registered attorneys

Subject: Additional Cases Available in CM/ECF

As you may be aware, the CM/ECF system has been used in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan to manage civil cases filed on and after August of 2001, and criminal cases filed on and after November of 2003.

Over the weekend of October 8 through October 11, 2004, the Western District of Michigan completed a partial conversion of previously-filed cases into CM/ECF. The cases involved in the conversion were civil cases pending in 1989 and those filed thereafter through July of 2001, as well as criminal cases pending in 1992 and those filed thereafter through October of 2003. The result is that civil dockets for cases back to those that were pending in 1989, and criminal dockets for cases back to those pending in 1992 are now accessible via CM/ECF. Filings made prior to the conversion will be reflected on the docket, but there will not be a hyperlink to the documents. New filings in those cases will be made in the CM/ECF system and will include hyperlinks to documents as appropriate. **Additionally, please note that all cases now available in CM/ECF are also available for e-filing.**

All documents submitted to the court, whether filed electronically or on paper, will be placed into the electronic case filing system. Documents submitted for filing on paper will be scanned by court staff and entered into the CM/ECF system. Electronic notification of all post-conversion filings made in the converted cases as well as those that have been entirely maintained in CM/ECF will be sent to registered attorneys. Any documents electronically filed in any case available in CM/ECF will be considered served electronically upon registered attorneys as defined in the Local Rules of this Court governing e-filing.

Please contact the ECF Help Desk with any questions you may have.

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